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**Minutes of the**  
**Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**February 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM**

**Delaware Department of Agriculture- Conference Room**

**Commission Members Present**

<b>Beverly Steele</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Patt Wagner</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>George Staats</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Stephanie Liguori</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Jack Berberian</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>

**Others Present**

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Deputy Attorney General Andrew Kerber, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario and Joe Strug.

DHRC staff members: Dan Kazmaier and Lauren Torres.

*Andrew Kerber arrived at approximately 11:00 am.*

*Minutes: Donna Krol*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 10:05 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order", the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission will return to Public Session after the Executive Session is completed.

**Executive Session:**

*See Executive Session minutes.*

**Return to Public Session:**

At 10:51 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Public minutes from the January 10, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:**

**Executive Director: Activity Summary Report**

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017.

**Racing statistics:**

Total # of Live Racing Days = 18

Total # Live Races = 270

Average # races per day = 15

Total # of Starters = 2217

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 84.7%

\*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

**License statistics:**

Total # licenses issued = 245

Total Monthly = \$28,830.00/YTD Total = \$28,830.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines).

**Personnel:**

State of Delaware is under a modified hiring review process.

State of Delaware travel restrictions remain in effect.

**Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:**

Commission Meeting on 1-10-17

DSOA Banquet on 1-13-17

**Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:**

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 6

Total fine amount: \$1,400.00

Post-Race Positive Test: None

Qualifier Positive Test: None

Positive Pre Race Blood Gas Test: None

**Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:**

Reported by: Lauren Torres

Total # Human Drug Tests = 21

Positive result: None

Fingerprints Completed: 74

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 935, average 58/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 40 no violations/seizures

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**Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:**

Reported by: Mark Davis  
Total # of starters = 2,217  
Post- Race Testing:  
273 Blood samples were collected.  
218 urine samples  
55 incomplete collections (no urine)  
Catch Rate = 79.8%, average time per catch was 37 minutes

Accident: None  
Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None  
4 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 38 sick

**OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:**

**2-1-17 During Qualifiers (13 Total)**

- 9 Horses Called in for OCT. Tested for EPO/Cobalt.
- 4 Horses in from qualifiers tested for Class 1 thru 5, EPO & Cobalt.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sal DiMario spoke on the subject of DHRC fingerprinting cost and frequency. After discussion was heard Chairman Steele referred this to Mark Davis for further research. Mark Davis will present his information at the March Commission Meeting.

**FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT, Requests:**

**None received**

**CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:**

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session. Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Liguori.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

**Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM**

**Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM**

**Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 19, 2017**